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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Komazaki et al (5841751).

The admitted prior art shows an optical disk reading apparatus having a reflected sub beams from the disk SBAD, obtaining a low frequency component of the sub beams 24, generating a difference signal 22a, 22b, and defect detection signal DEFECT. However the reference does not disclose the use of a holding low frequency signal (capacitor use as shown in fig 5 element 30 of the claimed invention). The secondary reference discloses the use of a capacitor charging and discharging a signal based on a defective signal for the purpose of maintaining normal reproduction operation during a defective detection as shown in fig 3. it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of the secondary reference and modify the system of the admitted prior art. Such modification of using a capacitor as a charging or discharging functionality is well established in the art in order to maintain a normal signal operation in the event of abnormality. Thus it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of the

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secondary reference for the purpose of maintaining a normal reading operation during an abnormal operation.

With respect to the limitations of claims 2 and 9. The secondary reference discloses the use of a capacitor fig 3.

With respect to the limitations of claims 3 and 4, 10, 11 see element SBAD and page 3 first paragraph of the admitted prior art.

With respect to the limitations of claims 5 and 12 see element 24.

With respect to the limitation of claim 13 see elements 22a and 22b.

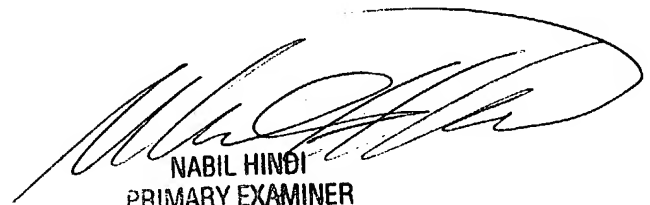
With respect to the limitations of claims 7 and 14. the claim read on a normal reproduction when no defect is detected.

With respect to the limitation of claim 16. see fig 3 of the secondary reference disclosing the use of a switching means in order to control the capacitor based on a defective signal.

With respect to the limitation of claim 17 see element 28.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 5377054.

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